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SENATE RESOLUTION 114
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Reverend Cozette
Rogers Garrett for her laudable and meritorious
service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary faith and compassionate service have distinguished themselves as spiritual leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Cozette Rogers Garrett is most assuredly one such individual who is clearly deserving of this Body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, as an ordained Disciples of Christ Minister, she has earned the respect of her congregations and all with whom she has come in contact for her integrity, dedication, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, a sterling scholar, Reverend Cozette Garrett received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Memphis, her Master of Divinity degree from Memphis Theological Seminary, and her Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Garrett, in her distinguished ministry work, has served as a trained hospital and hospice chaplain for terminally ill patients, in addition to helping to establish and reorganize the numerous ministries of her home church, Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of her estimable career, Reverend Cozette Rogers Garrett has joyfully and benevolently ministered to the individuals under her care; her concern for the health and welfare of people is a common thread carried throughout her presentations and sermons; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves with distinction as an Associate Minister at the Community of Faith Christian Church and as a Faith Community Ministries Manager for the Church Health Center in Memphis; at the Health Center, she, and her staff, assist congregations as they start and enhance health ministries in their own facilities; and

WHEREAS, periodically, Reverend Cozette Garrett generously serves as an Adjunct Professor at Memphis Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Garrett was duly honored with the Memphis Theological Seminary's Outstanding African-American Alumnae Award in 1996; and

WHEREAS, a lively and knowledgeable preacher, workshop leader, and speaker, Reverend Cozette Rogers Garrett strives to help others gain greater personal empowerment and improved church and community organizational skills; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, she has held key leadership positions in several organizations; she is a founding member of the Memphis Chapter of the Coalition of 100 Black Women and a 1988 graduate of Leadership Memphis; she is also a valuable member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and is presently serving as their Southern Regional Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Cozette Garrett is blessed by the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Solomon M. Garrett, Jr. who is Manager of Customer Services for the

Memphis and Shelby County Airport Authority; she is the proud mother of two young adult daughters, Dana D. and Marloe D. Garrett; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Garrett epitomizes the ideal of the consummate citizen, dedicated spiritual leader, and reliable friend and neighbor; her life of service and goodwill stands as a testament to her faith in God; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Cozette Garrett is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and applaud Reverend Cozette Rogers Garrett for her admirable service to the congregation of the Community of Faith and Christian Church, her meritorious service with the Church Health Center in Memphis, and all her other noteworthy public service endeavors, commend her devotion and faith, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.